GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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AGREEMENT WITH UZBEKISTAN
DHANI RAM SHANDIL

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have entered into any agreement with Uzbekistan or any other country during the year 2001-2002 for providing I.L. 76 to the Air Force with refuelling facility during the flight;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government are formulating any scheme to manufacture such aircraft indigenously;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): An agreement has been signed in February, 2001 with Uzbekistan for procurement of six IL-78 Flight Refuelling Aircraft (FRA).

(c) to (e): No, Sir. Indigenous manufacture is not considered feasible because of limited requirement of such aircraft.